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SUBJ: ANOTHER DETAINEE DEATH - PRP LEADER CALLS FOR INQUIRY

REF: CAPE TOWN 1109

SUMMARY: DEATH OF FORMER TRADE UNIONIST AND ANC MEMBER  
ELIJAH NKWENKWE LOZA IN A CAPE TOWN HOSPITAL AUGUST 1 BROUGHT  
TO 17 THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED WHILE UNDER DETENTION  
BY SECURITY POLICE SINCE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR. PROGRESSIVE  
REFORM PARTY LEADER COLIN EGLIN CALLED PUBLICLY FOR JUDICIAL  
INQUIRY INTO ALL ASPECTS SOUTH AFRICAN SECIRUTY LAWS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ELIJAH NKWENKWE LOZA, FORMER TRADE UNIONIST AND MEMBER  
OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) DIED IN A CAPE TOWN  
HOSPITAL AUGUST 1 THREE WEEKS AFTER BEING ADMITTED FOR  
AN ALLEGED STROKE SUFFERED WHILE UNDER DETENTION BY  
SECURITY POLICE (REFTEL). FOLLOWING UP ON THEIR EARLIER  
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ASSERTIONS THAT LOZA HAD BEEN ASSAULTED BY POLICE (REFTEL)  
HIS FORMER WIFE AND ONE OF HIS DAUGHTERS TOLD PRESS AUGUST 2  
THAT FULL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ILLNESS AND DEATH HAD YET TO  
BE FULLY EXPLAINED. THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE HIM  
FREELY AND THAT AUTHORITIES HAD REFUSED PERMISSION FOR  
PRIVATE DOCTOR TO EXAMINE HIM.

2. MISS LOZA SAID SHE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO TYGERBURG HOSPITAL ON JULY 25 TO GIVE APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF FAMILY FOR AN OPERATION TO WHICH HER FATHER ASSENTED. TWO DAUGHTERS WERE INFORMED OF LOZA'S DEATH AUGUST 1 WHILE VISITING SECURITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR ANOTHER VISIT. PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 3 SAID THAT HEAD OF SECURITY POLICE, BRIG. C.F. ZITESMAN, DECLINED TO DISCUSS MATTER.

3. PRP LEADER COLIN EGLIN TOLD PRESS AUGUST 2 THERE WAS "SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG" WITH SYSTEM WHICH RESULTED IN 17 DEATHS IN DETENTION AND "IN NUMBERS OF PEOPLE BEING HELD FOR LONG PERIODS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT". EGLIN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING IT TIME "FOR A THOROUGH INQUIRY BY A JUDICIAL COMMISSION INTO THE WHOLE OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY LAWS".

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOZA WAS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF EX-ANC MEN DETAINED IN CAPE TOWN IN LAST FEW MONTHS BY SECURITY POLICE. SOURCES WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BLACK TOWN-SHIPS HERE SAY THAT NUMBER OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS HAVE BEEN "RIGOROUSLY" QUESTIONED BY SECURITY POLICE RECENTLY IN ALLEGED EFFORT TO UNCOVER ONE OR MORE ADULT CLACKS AS "MASTERMINDS" BEHIND SCHOOL BOYCOTTS AND UNREST AMONG YOUTHS EARLIER THIS YEAR.WHITE

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